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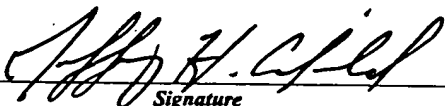
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002. Claims 3, 5-26, 31-43, 49-63, 67-93, 96-98, 100-106 and 108-115 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 5-6, 13-15, 17-21, 23, 32, 35-38, 49-54, 56-63, 67-75, 77, 79-93, 101-102, 104, 106, and 112-115 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being unpatentable over A Distributed Authorization Model for WWW by *Kahan*. Claims 7-12, 22, 24-26, 31, 33-34, 39-43, 55, 76, 78 and 108-111 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kahan* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,347,632 to *Filepp et al.* Claims 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kahan* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,560,008 to *Johnson et al.* Claims 96-98, 100, 103 and 105 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kahan* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,768,521 to *Dedrick*. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 3, 5-6, 13-15, 17-21, 23, 32, 35-38, 49-54, 56-63, 67-75, 77, 79-93, 101-102, 104, 106, and 112-115 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being unpatentable over A Distributed Authorization Model for WWW by *Kahan*. Claims 3, 5-6, 13-15, 17-21, 23, 32, 35-38, 49-54, 56-63, 67-75, 77, 79-93, 101-102, 104, 106, and 112-115 are patentable over *Kahan*, because *Kahan* is not prior art with respect to the present application. The present application is a Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/474,096, filed June 7, 1995, and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,708,780. Accordingly, the present application is entitled to the effective filing date of June 7, 1995. Since, the *Kahan* reference cited by the Examiner was not published until at least June 28, 1995, *Kahan* does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).